

# Southern Flyer



908th Airlift Wing, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.

March 2001

## *Brown steps down,* **Lafferty takes command of Support Group**



**Colonel Don Brown, relinquished the flag and command of the 908th Support Group during a ceremony on Feb 10. A moment after this photo was taken, Lt. Colonel Christina Lafferty stepped forward to accept the Support Group flag and command from Colonel Tom Brown, commander, 908th Airlift Wing.**

Saturday, Feb. 10 marked the end of one era...and the beginning of another, as Colonel Don Brown relinquished and Lt. Colonel Christina Lafferty assumed, command of the 908th Support Group. The Support Group oversees the operations of the Civil Engineering, Security Forces and Mission Support Squadrons and the Communications Flight.

Members of the support group were in formation for the ceremony held at the fuel cell hanger, at 4 p.m. Guests present for the event included Colonel Ed Crowell, former commander of the 25th Aerial Port Squadron and the recently retired Chief Master Sgt. Ron Luther and his wife, retired Technical Sgt. Ruby Luther.

Brown, a member of the unit

since 1977, served as a civil engineering officer, and later commanded the 908th Civil Engineering Squadron before becoming the commander of the Support Group in 1992. He has been a cornerstone of the 908th through several inspections and deployments. Brown is scheduled to retire in June.

Lafferty, assumes command after serving as the wing's Inspector General since August 1998. During her 22 years of service, Lafferty has served in a variety of positions including: executive officer, public affairs and aerial port operations officer, and two stints as inspector general, here at the 908th and while serving at the 459th Airlift Wing, Andrews AFB, Maryland.

## **21st Air Force Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation Team Visits Operations Group**

Members of the 21st Air Force ASEV team arrived on Feb 20 to evaluate the aircrews training status of the 908th Operations Group. The purpose of the visit is to judge whether 908th OG's aircrew training, evaluation and administrative practices are in compliance with published directives. If not, the team will outline the changes needed to bring the unit into compliance.

During the team's inbrief, ASEV team chief, Col Clifton Bray, said the purpose of the team is not to issue a grade but to help us bring all of our programs up to the AMC standard and to carry away some of the "best practices" to share with other units. All aircrew training, evaluation, and administrative practices will be assessed as either "in compliance with

published directives" or "not in compliance with published directives." The team may make suggestions for improvement, or if a program is not in compliance with detail the actions necessary to bring us up to "par".

Colonel Norm Bell, commander said members of the unit's Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation and Training offices for the 908th Operations Group have been working very hard in preparation for the visit. As of press date (Feb 23), Bell reported the team seemed to be pleased with what they had seen. He said that part of the purpose of the visit is to test aircrew knowledge of current procedures and practices. The results are in and our units averaged

**Continued on page 8**



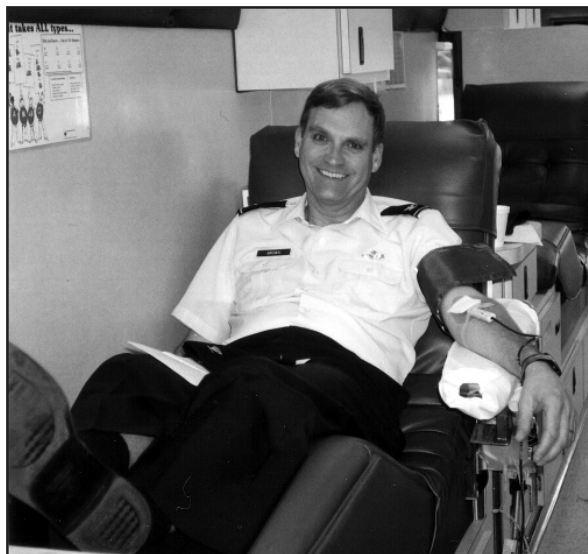
**Members of the 21st Air Force ASEV team arrived at Maxwell on Feb 20 aboard a 908th C-130. Colonel Norman Bell greeted the team led by Colonel Clifton Bray, (far left) and accompanied by Colonel Freddie Hegler, (2nd from left), Reserve Advisor to the commander of 21st Air Force.**

# "Just Another" Outstanding Inspection

My humble PA officer wanted me to write about procrastination this month since has to "brow beat" me each month to get a column for the paper, not really but I held out for this.

The reason I have been so late was I was waiting for the Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation and Testing Visit (ASEV) to wrap up their look at the 908<sup>th</sup>. Well, they are finished and it appears once again you have outdone yourselves. The team is not allowed to give grades but words like "best seen this year" and "outstanding" were evident. I want to thank you all for a great job and special congratulations to the flyers: AES, OSF and 357<sup>th</sup>. There was a lot of hard work put in to get the squadrons back in shape after the recent carpet and furniture upgrades, not to mention the relocation in OPS.

I am truly lucky to have such a wonderful wing under my command. I told you, as we are getting ready for the ORI, that I wanted "you" to do the ORI because I wouldn't be



**Colonel Thomas R(eally GIVES at the office). Brown**  
Commander, 908th Airlift Wing

here for the next one. Same goes for the ASEV and you did a wonderful job. No matter who sits in the front office they can be confident, you are ready for any challenge. Congratulations!

## Together we are strong and flexible

My mother used to tell me, "Kid, even a blind squirrel finds an acorn sometimes." I remembered that during the ceremony in February when I was so privileged to take command of the 908<sup>th</sup> Support Group. We're all blind squirrels, in a way – we each have shortcomings and areas where we're less strong than we wish we were, and I'm certainly no exception. But we press on gamely, using our strengths and skills to help us do the job, accomplish the mission.

I spent quite a bit of time over the last few weeks thinking about my vision of the Support Group, and I kept coming back to one of my favorite television programs, *Modern Marvels*. One show in particular helped me form that vision: the episode on the great suspension bridges. These amazing structures make a great metaphor for our Wing. The bridge is supported by great foundations: these are our values, our history, and our doctrine. The roadway is the flying mission. Our Ops tempo has been picking up, and traffic is pretty heavy right now. Soaring above are individual strands of steel, twisted together into cords, bound together into cables anchored to the foundations, strong enough to hold the weight of the bridge and traffic, yet flexible enough to weather changes brought by wind, weather, and time.



**Lt. Colonel Christina Lafferty**  
Commander, 908th Support Group

That's us, the Support Group – we're the cables, made up of the cords that are Civil Engineering, Mission Support, Security Forces, and Communications. And the strength we have when we work as one more than compensate for those shortcomings I mentioned before, the ones we're each bound to have as individual strands. Together we are strong and flexible, lifting up this Wing's mission, supporting it from above as we meet the challenges of a changing world. I'm honored to be a part of that and look forward to working with you in the days to come.



**Commander, 908th Airlift Wing**

Col. Thomas R. Brown

**Editorial Staff**

**Chief, Public Affairs**

Maj. Jerry W. Lobb

**Deputy Chief/Editor**

Vacant

**Staff Writer**

SRA Christine Kays

**Address**

Editor, Southern Flyer  
401 W. Maxwell Blvd.  
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6501

**Phone Number**

(334) 953-6804 or DSN  
493-6804

**Fax Number**

(334) 953-2202 or DSN  
493-2202

This funded Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of the *Southern Flyer* are not necessarily the official views of or endorsed by the U.S. Government, Department of Defense or the Department of the Air Force.

**Editorial policy**

Editorial content of the *Southern Flyer* is edited, prepared and provided by the 908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office.

All photos are Air Force photos unless otherwise indicated.

We solicit articles, drawings and photographs and reserve the right to make any editorial or grammatical changes in order to maintain a consistency.

Because of the printing and mail-out schedule the newspaper goes to press on Friday, two weeks prior the UTA. The submission deadline for articles or information is the Wednesday two weeks prior to the UTA.

For information about this schedule, call Maj. Jerry Lobbat 953-6804.



# Key issue: Reserve must recruit, retain best people



**Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III**  
chief of Air Force Reserve  
and commander of Air Force  
Reserve Command

*The Air Force Reserve, and the Air Force in general, have led the way in providing responsive reserve forces, available immediately, to meet Service and national needs. People are our most important asset. We need to take care of them, and they must feel their work is worthwhile and meaningful. They are highly skilled and we must maintain this experience to ensure our contributions to the total force are useful.*

*We must remain viable in recruiting and retention. The potential active-duty pool for recruitment into Air Force Reserve Command has*

*diminished* because of the force drawdown and longer active-duty service commitments. We need to reward our people through promotion and give them the opportunity to compete for command opportunities.

Leadership is not limited only to commanders; everyone down to the lowest-ranking airman is a leader. We need to ensure that there is open dialogue among the troops to make sure that we're doing our job the best it can be done.

**Volunteerism:** The Air Force Reserve continues to remain on the leading edge volunteering to participate in peacetime operations. By using volunteers, we minimize potentially adverse impacts on readiness and training, recruiting, and retention. Air Force Reserve volunteers have consistently provided trained and ready forces to the gaining commands. These forces are available for short-notice contingency operations as well as for longer term mobilizations. With ever-increasing OPTEMPO and PERSTEMPO, the Air Force Reserve is aggressively pursuing ways to better leverage the time of Air Force Reservists and to apply training credit for civilian skills.

**Help for employers:** Employers are an

integral part of the Reserve triad (reservists, their families and their employers). We have vigorously pursued feedback from employers, and they have expressed an interest in monetary relief. The Air Force Reserve supports Congressional recognition of the invaluable contribution of employers of guardsmen and reservists in support of national defense.

**Compensation for reservists and families:** People are the Air Force Reserve's most important resource. To maintain our history of success, we must be able to recruit and retain the best and brightest young people. Quality of life issues are a big key to doing that. Our focus is on the following areas: pay, entitlements, improved quarters, family services, reducing personnel turbulence and parity of benefits that make sense to the taxpayer and do not reduce the benefits of active-duty personnel. (AFRC News Service)

Key issue: Resource management key to readiness

By Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III  
chief of Air Force Reserve  
and commander of Air Force Reserve Command

## Two former 908th commanders get stars

Colonels Christopher M. Joniec and William P. Kane, both former commanders of the 908th, have been nominated to receive their first stars. Their names were on a list with five Air Force Reserve brigadier generals and 12 other colonels nominated by the president for promotion to the next higher rank.

The Office of Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon announced the nominations Feb. 16.

The major general nominees are one Air Force Reserve Command unit program commander and four mobilization assistants. The brigadier general nominees include five AFRC wing commanders, as well as nine MAs.

Nominated for a second star are:

- Brig. Gens. James D. Bankers, 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Force commander, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.;
- Marvin J. Barry, MA to the commander of Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas;
- John D. Dorris, MA to the commander of Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.;
- Patrick J. Gallagher, MA to the commander in chief of U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.; and
- Ronald M. Sega, MA to the commander of Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

The following have been nominated for promotion to brigadier general:

- Fred F. Castle, MA to the deputy assistant secretary for management, policy and program integration, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon;
- Thomas A. Dyches, 301<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing commander, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas;
- John H. Grueser, MA to the commander of the Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott AFB, Ill.;
- Bruce E. Hawley, MA to the staff judge advocate, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.;
- Christopher M. Joniec, 434<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing commander, Grissom AFB, Ind.;
- William P. Kane, 94<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, Dobbins ARB;
- Michael K. Lynch, MA to the director of operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces Europe, Ramstein Air

# Forshey home as new Inspector General

Homecoming. That is what it feels like coming back to the 908th Airlift Wing after 3 1/2 years on the road. I am deeply humbled by Colonel Brown offering me this opportunity to again serve you, the members of this wing, as your IG. For those of you that do not know me, I started my Reserve career here in 1972 as an enlisted member of the 908th Civil Engineering Flight. After serving as a traditional reservist for 10 years, I became an Air Reserve Technician in the Civil Engineering Squadron in 1982. That position gave me the opportunity to finish my college degree and apply for a commission in 1985. In September 1985, I received my commission and served for a short period as the Services Officer while assuming the Budget Officer duties as a civilian. In 1986 I became the commander of the Weapons System



**Major Bill Forshey**  
Inspector General, 908th Airlift Wing

Security Flight (WSSF) as a traditional reservist serving there through several name and mission changes until Oct 97 when I left the 908th Security Forces Squadron. I became an Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) at Robins AFB, Georgia serving as the IMA to the Commander, 78th Security Forces

Squadron. In Feb 99, I was offered the unique opportunity to become the first traditional reserve commander of an ART Security Forces Squadron at Dobbins ARB, Georgia. I spent the last 2 years there learning all about the Reserve Base security business. Like I said before, it feels great to be coming back home to the 908th Airlift Wing. I look forward to serving you in this new capacity and working with you in this wing. My door is always open.

Fiscal Year 2001

UTA Schedule

March 10-11	April 7-8
May 5-6	June 9-10
July 14-15	Aug. 11-12
Sept. 8-9	

For more information, call Maj. Troy Vonada at DSN 493-5441.

Continued on page 8



# Awards presented to 908th Airman, NCO, SR NCO and First Sgt. of the year for 2000

**Airman of the Year**



**Senior Airman Daran C. Gaskin**  
908th Security Forces Squadron

**NCO of the Year**



**Technical Sgt. Leon E. Alexander, Jr.**  
908th Maintenance Squadron

**Senior NCO of the Year**



**Senior Master Sgt. Laura A. Cantrell**  
908th Mission Support Squadron

**First Sgt. of the Year**



**Master Sgt. Don J. Johnson**  
908th Security Forces Squadron



# Guard/Reserve Troops Full-Time Patriots, Says Bush

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

CHARLESTON, W.Va., Feb. 15, 2001 — President George W. Bush thanked Guardsmen, reservists and their civilian employers here Feb. 14 for their patriotism and service in support of the nation’s security.

The president, accompanied by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, flew on Air Force One to Yeager Air National Guard airfield here. The two reviewed West Virginia Air National Guard and Army Guard and Reserve troops.

Bush later spoke with employers of Guardsmen and reservists, attended a disaster relief operations drill and delivered an address in an airfield hangar to a packed audience that included U.S. Sen. Robert Byrd, Gov. Bob Wise, West Virginia Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Allen Tackett, and other distinguished officials.

A former National Guardsman himself — he was a fighter pilot in the Texas Air Guard — Bush lauded reserve component members of West Virginia and all the other states, citing their selfless service as citizen soldiers.

Bush is the first former National Guardsman elected to the White House since 1948, when President Truman, a World War I Army Guard artillery captain, won a term in his own right.

“The National Guard and reserves are a vital part of America’s national defense,” Bush said in his remarks. “And I want you to know that you not only have a former Guardsman in the White House, you have a friend.”

Bush said Guard and Reserve members “display values that are central to our nation: character, courage and sacrifice” and demonstrate “the highest form of citizenship. “And while you may not be full-time soldiers, you are full-time patriots,” he added.

Bush’s Charleston trip followed visits to Fort Stewart, Ga., on Feb. 12, and Norfolk, Va., on Feb. 13. The president often declared his support for service members. On all the week’s visits, he and Rumsfeld promised higher pay and quality of life improvements, and the coming review of DoD and national military strategy that Bush has ordered.

He also lavished praise on all the employers of America’s National Guard and Reserve members. He noted that 2001 is the National Guard’s “Year of the Employer.”

“Citizen soldiers have always depended on selfless employers,” Bush said, adding that West Virginia employers enthusiastically support their employees in the Guard and Reserve. Those employers, he said, “care about their state, and they care about their country.”

During a meeting with employers, Bush noted that the United States will “have a foreign policy that is strong and consistent and clear, with a military that is focused and prepared to keep the peace.

“And guardsmen and reservists will play a major role,” he added.

Today’s 1.3-million Guard and Reserve members are the descendents of America’s Revolutionary War-era minutemen, Bush said, noting that they have “stepped up” to meet today’s challenges. Besides providing support for traditional national defense needs, reserve component members also support disaster relief missions and homeland defense efforts against terrorist weapons of mass destruction, he said.

West Virginia and other states’ guardsmen and reservists, like their active duty counterparts, are among the American men and women around the world who proudly wear the uniform, Bush said.

“Your uniform shows that you are living your life for others, for your fellow West Virginians in time of suffering and crisis, for your fellow Americans when our safety is threatened, and for the values and ideals our country represents when our allies and friends ask for help,” he said.

The reserve components account for about half of America’s military. Consequently, guardsmen and reservists in the past decade have frequently deployed worldwide alongside active duty U.S. forces. Since 1995, for example, more than 20,000 reservists have been called up for duty in Bosnia and Kosovo. More than 200,000 Guard and Reserve members served in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.



**Chief Master Sgt. Mike Harper holds fellow Chief James McGrue as Master Sgts. Tod Owens and Michael Meyers prepare to give him a frigid fini-flight shower. McGrue, a loadmaster with the 357th Airlift Squadron retires after 26 years in uniform.**

## Defense Budget on hold pending review

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9, 2001 — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld believes the defense budget must go up, but any decisions must wait until after he conducts a review of defense programs, Pentagon officials said Feb. 8.

President Bush’s formal tasking for the review will come to the Pentagon in a few days, Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said. Since Jan. 21, Rumsfeld has been holding meetings to gauge the scope of the review and how it should be conducted.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the president has directed Rumsfeld to review force structure to “help determine what the shape of future spending decisions will be. The president believes we need to rebuild our military, and the force structure review is a part of doing that.”

Whatever fiscal 2002 DoD budget the president submits will honor his campaign promises to increase military pay, as well as to improve military housing, Fleischer said. “And that will be an increase above and beyond what was spent previously,” he added.

DoD officials said Rumsfeld would lead the review, with help from a number of Pentagon offices, including the Office of Net Assessment led by Andrew Marshall.

The review will look at a wide range of defense issues. “In a general

sense, I think you’re looking at quality of life— which the president and Secretary Rumsfeld are absolutely in agreement ... is critical,” Quigley said. “The best equipment in the world doesn’t mean much without the people to run it.” The review will look at recruiting, retention and other quality of life issues, such as housing and military health care.

In addition, the review will cover strategy and acquisition policy. “What is it the United States military needs to do?” Quigley said. “And then, if you start there, then what sorts of systems does the United States military need to operate to carry out those sorts of missions?”

There is no timetable for the review, but Rumsfeld believes it is urgent. “This could have a direct impact on the 2002 budget and will certainly have an impact on the Quadrennial Defense Review as we approach the late fall workings and preparation of the ’03 budget to be submitted next January-February,” the admiral said.

Fleischer was also questioned on the need for a fiscal 2001 DoD budget supplement. He said President Bush has said he supports no immediate supplemental requests, but did not rule out asking Congress for additional money later this year.

Quigley said Secretary Rumsfeld will continue to monitor the situation and may recommend DoD request more money.



## Medical Records: Not Lost...Just Relocated

By Senior Airman Christine Kays,  
908AW Public Affairs

The Medical Records section of the 908th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, really hasn't been missing from the wing since its move from the old hospital. Although some members of the wing have had a hard time finding Medical Records...and a few might have considered asking for an investigation as to the location of their location. Ironically if they had gone to building 711 to file an inquiry with the Office of Special Investigations, they would have found the Medical Records on the first floor of the OSI building. It is located just across the parking lot from the hospital's emergency entrance on Twining Street.

Staff Sgt. Sherry Neklason said the section includes everything to keep the wing physically ready for duty. They take care of the hearing, sight, dental, physicals, sick call, profiles, lab work and, of course, the ubiquitous immunizations. They even handle the infamous drug testing.

There are twenty-three personnel assigned to the section, and they do all the work listed above. It then goes into the correct records, whether it is medical, dental or immunizations. Neklason said the guidelines are quite strict about updating records in a timely manner. "They have to be," she said. "Because if it's not documented and in the records, the

person doesn't go." To ensure the information isn't lost to equipment failure, the computer system has three back-ups.

Neklason emphasized the need, and the regulation, for members not to hand-carry their records, under the guise of 'making sure it's safe.' Next time you get your records, whether medical, dental, or personnel, look at the front cover, lower left. It clearly states that the records are the property of the government, just like ID cards. She said the section will make copies if the member requests it, but 'hand-carrying' records is not the best way to forward records to a new unit.

Neklason described the records cycle. If you're coming into the wing, Personnel gets all records, whether you're prior service joining the Reserve, or fresh from basic and tech school, and then distributes them to the appropriate sections. If you're departing the wing, whether you're retiring or going to a different unit, Personnel sends word of the day of departure. Medical records gathers all records, ensures everything is correct and in the proper format, and sends them to Personnel to forward. This method ensures that all the procedures are followed, and the records are not lost by the member during a move.

**Medical Records**  
**First Floor, Building 711 on Twining Street. 953-5714**

## Your computer locks up Who are you going to call?

By SRA Christine Kays,  
908AW Public Affairs

Who are you going to call? If you absolutely, positively can't remember your password? If you're new and need a user account? If you can't get into your e-mail to access the wing-wide memo everyone is talking about? Who should you call? Workgroup Managers, that's who. For your group primary manager see the information at the end of this article.

Master Sgts. Linda Stanski, John Hughes, and Pam Rhodes are the wing's Workgroup Managers. Prior to the creation of these new positions last summer, each of them had been performing computer related functions in addition to a wide variety of other administrative duties. Since last July, when they came together, they have been able to focus on meeting the

needs of computer users within the wing. Their office is currently located down the hall from the Recruiters, in the center of Building 903, at the intersection of Mitchell and Kirkpatrick (second left if you come in through the Day Street Gate. There's a mailbox at the corner by the building.) In the next two or three months they will be moving to building 848, into space currently occupied by members of the Maintenance Squadron.

The first challenge facing the Work Group Administrators has been a tasking from Colonel Brown, to perform a complete inventory of all computers - equipment and software - within the 908th. While unit Equipment Custodians are still responsible for their individual

## Must turn in pay, travel voucher together

Effective 9 April 2001, all reserve pay documents (AF Forms 938) submitted for military pay that have travel funds identified in block 27 must have appropriate travel documents attached. Depending on the type of travel that was performed, one of the following travel documents must be completed/attached to the pay request or the pay document will be returned without action to the owning organization for appropriate documentation. Appropriate travel documents include a DD Form 1351-2, completed POV mileage statements, or a copy of the orders declining claim for travel funds.

This process has been in place at many other units for some time and has worked extremely well. There are several reasons for this change in procedure, the most important of which is to help alleviate travel payment delays from vouchers that are not being filed in a timely manner (5 days from completion of travel). Other benefits include helping the traveler receive quicker corrections on the orders when required to facilitate travel payments since the pay/travel documents will now be together and the clerks will be able to determine problems sooner. It will free up many encumbered wing travel dollars that can be used for other missions that currently fall out at year's end and are no longer available for other missions. It will help resolve many of the outstanding voucher issues we have to resolve each UTA. It will also ensure that travelers have all the required

documentation before their voucher goes to the travel computation section at the base which should expedite payments to travelers that previously hand long waits due to returned vouchers with incorrect or missing documentation.

This new process will require that unit orderly rooms or full-time section POCs review the travel documents (with the attachments) prior to submission to the Reserve Pay Office (RPO) for processing. A travel voucher checklist was provided to the units earlier this month to assist members in the completion of travel documents. It was recommended that a copy of this checklist be provided to each member with their travel orders. If orderly room personnel and section POCs will use this checklist to review these travel documents, we should see very few returned vouchers. Overall, this process should mean more available travel funds, as well as the traveler being paid in a more timely manner on both their pay and travel documents.

We realize that with any new process there will be some "growing pains"; however, the FM pay and travel order staff are here to assist you in any way that we can. Should you have questions or you need assistance, contact us at (334) 953-5541 or (334) 953-6722. If you do not receive the travel voucher checklist with your orders and you would like one, contact your unit orderly room, unit orders clerk, or First Sergeant for a copy.

inventories, the Workgroup Administrators are working to complete an accurate database representing the entire wing. This list, containing a description of each piece of equipment will make it easier to manage the inventory and plan purchases to replace aging equipment.

The managers' other responsibilities include, but are not limited to, all computer related problems, including password and e-mail lock-ups, to creating user accounts, and assisting with software. They are also developing wing computer policies with the Communications Flight. Or, as Master Sgt. Rhodes succinctly described it, "We're responsible for the life cycle of information technology from installation to turn-in." All three

managers emphasized one point, if sections want to add to their work computer station, whether with software or scanners or other equipment, call or e-mail them first. They will help keep you from buying something that may not work with your computer or doesn't comply with Wing or Air Force Reserve guidelines.

**Master Sgt. Linda Stanski - 953-7170**  
**Group manager for Logistics, Logistic Support and Maintenance.**

**Master Sgt. John Hughes - 953-2798**  
**Group manager for Operations - 357 AS, 25 APS, and AES**

**Master Sgt. Pam Rhodes - 953-2789**  
**Group manager for Wing HQ, MSS, Comm Flight, ASTS, Security and CE**

April UTA Schedule			
START TIME	COMPLETE TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/OPR
FRIDAY, 6 APR 2001			
1600	1900	COMMANDERS STAFF MEETING	BLDG 1056/CC CONF RM/CC
SATURDAY, 7 APR 2001			
730	800	SIGN IN	ORDERLY ROOM
730	800	NEWCOMERS’ FLIGHT RECEPTION	BLDG 1056/RM 101/DPMT
800	900	LAB WORK/DNA TESTING	BLDG 760/LAB
800	830	NEWCOMERS’ INTRO/ORIENTATION	BLDG 1056/RM 101/DPMS
830	1130	NEWCOMERS’ MPF IN-PROCESSING	BLDG 1056/RM 101/DPMS
820	1500	PHYSICALS	BLDG 760/1ST FLOOR
830	TBD	UNITS AT RANGE M-16	FIRING RANGE/SFS
830	1200	CHEMICAL WARFARE REFRESHER	BLDG 1062/CEX CLASSROOM
830	900	PREGNANCY PROFILES/WEIGHT WAIVERS/ FITNESS FOR DUTY (MUST HAVE DD FM 689)	BLDG 711/RECORDS RM
830	1030	SHOTS (EXCEPT FOR YELLOW FEVER)	BLDG 760/1ST FLOOR
830	1030	ANTHRAX BRIEFING ( 30 MINUTE BRIEF )	BLDG 760/1ST FLOOR
1000	1100	FAMILY DAY MEETING	BLDG 1056/CC CONF RM
1000	1130	PALLET BUILDUP	BLDG 846/APS
1000	1100	UNIT DEPLOYMENT MANAGER’S (UDM) MTG	BLDG 1055/Command Post CAT Conf Room
1000	1100	UNIT DP REPS MEETING	BLDG 1055/CES CONF RM
1030	1130	FIRST SERGEANTS MEETING	BLDG 1056/CCM CONF RM
1030	1130	YELLOW FEVER SHOTS	BLDG 760/1ST FLOOR
1300	TBD	UNITS AT RANGE M-9	FIRING RANGE/SFS
1300	1630	CHEMICAL WARFARE (REFRESHER)	BLDG 1062/CLASSROOM/CEX
1300	1500	JOINT INSPECTION (CARGO PREP)	BLDG 847/APS HANGAR
1330	1400	FITNESS FOR DUTY (MUST HAVE DD FM 689)	BLDG 711/RECORDS ROOM
1400	1500	TDY/PCS OUTPROCESSING	BLDG 1056/RM 112/DPMSA
1400	1500	CHIEF’S INDUCTION CEREMONY	BLDG 1055/CE CLASSROOM
1700	TBD	SIGN-OUT	ORDERLY RM

SUNDAY, 8 APR 2001			
630	700	SIGN IN	ORDERLY ROOM
730	800	FITNESS FOR DUTY (MUST HAVE DD FM 689)	BLDG 711/RECORDS ROOM
800	1200	CHEMICAL WARFARE (REFRESHER)	BLDG 1062/CEX CLASSROOM
830	TBD	UNITS AT RANGE M9 FIRING	FIRING RANGE/SFS
900	1200	HAZARDOUS CARGO TNG	BLDG 1091, Transportation
900	930	WORSHIP SERVICE (RECOMMENDED)	BDLG 846/CLSRM 2/HC
1000	1030	PERSONNEL RECORDS REVIEW (ENL)	BLDG 1056/RM 109/DPMSC
1000	TBD	SORTS/COMMANDER MEETING	CND POST/CAT RM/CC
1000	1100	CAREER ADVISORS MEETING	BLDG/846/DPMSC
1130	1200	WORSHIP SERVICE (RECOMMENDED)	BLDG 1056/RM 101/HC
1230	1300	PERSONNEL RECORDS REVIEW (OFF)	BLDG 1056/RM 109/DPMSC
1230	1530	CDC TESTING	BLDG 501/RM 115/DPMT
1300	1330	UTA BULLETIN MEETING	BLDG 845/LG CONF RM
1600	TBD	SIGN-OUT	ORDERLY RM

Activity	Support functions' schedule Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
MPF customer service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-1100 Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/35522 Bldg. 1056/35522
ID cards		M-F, 0630-1630 Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/35522
Reserve pay	Sat, 0800-1200 M-F, 0700-1100; 1200-1600	Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/35522 Bldg. 1056/36722
Fitness for duty	Sat, 0830-0900 &	1330-1400 Sun, 0800-0830 Sun. CLOSED	Bldg. 50/35714 Bring DD Form 689 Bldg. 50/35714
Medical records	Sat, 0800-1500		Bldg. 1154/36020
Individual equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 851/37505
Clothing sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 84/34283
Restricted area badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sat, 0900-1100	Bldg. 84/34283
Vehicle registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Sat, 0900-1100	Bldg. 84/34283
Geneva convention cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sat, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1090/834-5946
Base exchange	M-F, 0900-2000	Sun, 1100-1800	Bldg. 1090/272-6807
Barber shop	Fri, 0900-1800		
	Sat, 0900-1800	Sun, 1100-1800	
Beauty shop	Sat, 0900-1800	Sun, CLOSED	Bldg. 1090/263-3010
Dining hall	Sat, 0600-0800	Sun, 0600-0800	Bldg. 668/35127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1700-1830	1700-1830	
Billeting office/reservations			Bldg. 1573/32401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/37981

NOTE: In case of billeting problems, contact the 908th representative through the lodging front desk.

March UTA Lodging

- To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:
- \* Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hrs prior to arrival
  - \* Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
  - \* Input your unit’s authorization code
  - \* Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
  - \* The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
  - \* The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the # sign. (PIN available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
  - \* The system will ask if you would like to Make, change, or cancel a reservation.
  - \* To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
  - \* The system will ask if this reservation ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
  - \* If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
  - \* If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
  - \* The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334)953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Technical Sgt. Godwin at:

Commercial- (334)953-7332  
DSN- 493-7332  
Email- byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil

NOTICE!  
Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the February UTA is 0800 on Sunday morning. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 Smoking is not permitted in Lodging rooms. You may be charged a minimum of \$50.00 for cleaning if violating this AFL. Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn.

Airlift schedule

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:  
Depart Maxwell at 1530 local  
Arrive Aurora at 1730 local  
Depart Aurora at 1815 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:  
Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530  
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local  
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local  
Depart Aurora at 1830 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift  
UTA pick-up schedule Friday:  
Depart Maxwell at 1700 local  
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local  
Depart Dobbins at 1915 local  
Arrive Huntsville at 1845 local  
Depart Huntsville at 1930 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 2000 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:  
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local  
Arrive Dobbins at 1745 local  
Depart Dobbins at 1815 local  
Arrive Huntsville at 1745 local  
Depart Huntsville at 1815 local  
Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local



## Stars from page 3

Base, Germany;

- Carlos E. Martinez, MA to the commander of the Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, Mass.;

- Charles W. Neeley, MA to the director of strategic planning and policy (J-5), U.S. Pacific Command, Fort H.M. Smith, Hawaii;

- Mark A. Pillar, MA to the commander of 21<sup>st</sup> Air Force, McGuire AFB, N.J.;

- William M. Rajczak, MA to the director of plans and programs, Headquarters AFRC, Robins AFB, Ga.;

- Thomas M. Stogsdill, 919<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing commander, Eglin AFB Aux. Field 3, Fla.;

- Dale Timothy White, MA to the commander of Air Force Recruiting Service, Randolph AFB; and

- Floyd C. Williams, 419<sup>th</sup> FW commander, Hill AFB, Utah.

These promotions take effect upon U.S. Senate confirmation and by direction of the chief of Air Force Reserve. (AFRC News Service)

Reserve seeks applicants for Capitol

## Deserving Airmen Commissioning Board Meets in June

Deserving Airmen Commissioning Board will convene in June 2001.

Anyone interested must submit a military resume, AFOQT scores and a letter of recommendation signed by unit commander to the Career Enhancement section NLT the April UTA. Any questions or concerns can be directed to TSgt Cynthia Smith at extension 3-5584.

## ROA Meeting

Come join us at the Richey Center on Maxwell for a Smokehouse BBQ catered dinner from 1900-2000 on Saturday of the March UTA. Come have a few drinks, socialize, eat some great Smokehouse BBQ and elect your next slate of officers for the local chapter. Social hour is from 1800-1900 and the business meeting will be immediately after dinner is finished. Price is only \$10.00 per person. New members and their sponsors eat free.



**Master Sgt. Carl Owens, a crew chief with the 908th Mainatenance Squadron re-enlisted recently. The officer administering the oath was Captain Jeff Owens, Carl's son, who performed the ceremony while visiting his parents**

## Pepped UP!!!

Colonel Tom Brown is pleased to announce the PEP results from this PEP cycle. All promotions will be effective April 1, 2001. Of special note is the CMSgt promotion we received from 22AF, the first since Fall 1998.

Congratulations to the following individuals. Your selection means your job performance is significantly above your current grade. Keep up the good work.

### To Technical Sgt:

Christopher R. Berryhill, MXS  
Stephen T. Leachman, MXS (ART)  
Ronald J. Moncrief, MXS (ART)

### To Master Sgt:

John T. O'Connor, AW (ART)  
Kenneth L. Williams, MXS (ART)

### To Chief Master Sgt:

SMSgt Gary W. Looney, AW (ART)

## Family Day -- 5 May

The 908th's annual Family Day will be held on Saturday, May 5th. Plan now to bring your family along to enjoy the day. If you know of a company that might be a sponsor, please inform your First Sergeant, Chief Roberts, or contact Senior Master Sgt. Watkins at 953-8982.

### ASEV from page 1

98-99 percent on their closed book test, which Bell said is outstanding. Bell concluded by saying he thought the team was impressed with the hospitality and our professionalism, and said he was very optimistic about the outcome of the visit.

"My wife asked if I could take off a solid week after the inspection to do just yard work," said Major Terry Lawrence, Aircrew Training Officer with the 357th. He continued, "I've been spending so much time at work - a lot of 12 to 16 hour days and some long weekends...she knows what the yard looks like...but I never get to see it." Lawrence said he felt the training program was well received by inspectors relative to what they see throughout the system, however he cautioned only the writeup will tell for sure. He thanked members of the squadron for their support during preparations for the visit. "I think the funniest moment for me was during the February UTA when we finally managed to get about 50 people at the hospital at once to get shots. I have been here nine years and never seen so many aircrew leaning so far forward to get their mobility requirements done, only to be turned away. Unfortunately the majority of the medical support didn't make it out

of Chicago due to poor weather Friday night, which prohibited the UTA airlift from landing. It was kind of ironic." Lawrence said now that the ASEV is over, he plans to spend more time with his wife and children who have been patiently waiting, and to fly on a couple good cross-country missions.

Maj. Jeff Spencer, Chief of Standardization and Evaluations, said "we've been reviewing our pubs and regulations for a long time. It helps to keep us sharp and current." Spencer continued, "Lt. Colonel Rod Trammell, Maj. Ken Bartczak, Capt. Steve Catchings, Master Sgt. Steve Tarrance, and Technical Sgt. Chris Brown have been particularly helpful, coming in extra hours reviewing Flight Evaluation Folders and posting publications to make sure we were ready for the team. The whole Stan/Eval office staff; Maj. Scott Davis, Capt. Jaqueline Jacobs, Master Sgts. David Greer, Brent Solomon, and James Weber labored long and hard to insure our processes and paperwork were in compliance with all the applicable Air Force Instructions."

Bell said he thought the team was impressed with our hospitality and professionalism, and said he was very optimistic about the outcome of the visit.

Presorted First Class  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit #700  
Montgomery, AL

908th Airlift Wing  
401 W. Maxwell Blvd.  
Maxwell AFB  
Montgomery, AL. 36112-6501

To the Family of: